THE

SOUTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestick.

MONDAY, October 8th, 1744. [Numb. 550.]

Mr. *Timothy*, Rice

UPON looking over your last Account of the *Exports* of RICE from the Port of *Charles Town*, and from Accounts of the Exports from the Ports of *Port-Royal* and *George Town*, it appears, that about 85,000 Barrels of RICE have been exported from this Province since the 1st Day of *November* 1743; and as it is pretty generally agreed, that there remains upon Hand as much of the last Year's RICE unbeaten as will make up about 15,000 Barrels more, it will be allowed, that the whole Produce of RICE the last Year in this Province amounted to about the the Quantity of 100,000 Barrels From hence one would readily conclude, that the Planters had really got twice as much by their Labour the last Year as they did in some Years, which might be pointed out, when they hardly made half that Quantity of RICE; but the Fact is otherwise, for it may be easily demonstrated, that with the almost immense Labour and Pains which must necessarily be bestow'd on making 100,000 Barrels of RICE fit for, and producing it at, the Market, the *Planter* hath got no more by it, than when he was only at half that Labour in making 50,000 Barrels. The Consequence then is, I think, that the *Planters* in general have *lost* half their Time and Labour in the Business of the last Year.

The favourable Seasons which Providence bleft us with in planting the present Crop; the Continuance of the same through all the growing Months; and the finest Harvest Time ever known, which we have for some Weeks past been favoured with, give us the greatest Room to expect that we shall this Year exceed the last Crop of RICE by *many Thousand* Barrels; but what that will produce to the *Planter* at the *Charles Town* Market is not very difficult to guess. Most *Planters* would I believe gladly contract with the *Merchants* to deliver them their RICE at the *same* Price they did last Year; but there are but *few Merchants*, 'tis to be fear'd, that will enter into an Engagement to give the *same* Price *the Year round* for this Crop as they did for the last. Is it not then *full* Time, think ye, Mr. *Timothy*, for the *Planter* to look about him and *try* whether he cannot *lay out* his *Time* and *Labour*, or *part* of it at least, to *greater* Advantages than he hath done for the *Two* last Years? Or does he think that *Twenty*, or *Five* and *Twenty Shillings* Currency a Hundred for his RICE, is a *sufficient* or adequate Price for it, after all *his Labour*, *Pains*, and *Time* bestowed upon it? If in Truth he does, I would advise him for once to take Pen in Hand, and set down the *Value of his Land*, the *Price his Negroes cost him*, or *which he could sell them for*, the *Expence* he is at *in maintaining them* and *keeping up his Plantation*; and after that see what his RICE yields him *clear* at the Market, and then let him tell me *how much per Centum he makes upon his Capital*, without considering that his Principal is daily lessening and wearing out. I fancy, upon such Calculation he will find, that he hath been working for *little more* than *Nothing*, and that it is *full Time*, to *turn his Industry*, or some *part* of it at least, *to something that may prove more to his Advantage* than making of RICE doth.

It is not my present Purpose to enquire whether the great Fall in the Price of RICE is owing to any *other Cause* than that of the enormous Quantities with which we have for some Years past *glutted* and over done all the Markets we have Liberty to carry it to in *Europe*: *Fallen* it is, that is most certain, and *We feel it*, and *that* to the *Planter* it is become of *little worth*; what is it that possesses us then, to go on *spending* all our *Time* and *Labour* about *that* which yields so *little* Profit to our *utmost Industry*, when it is highly probable, nay, I think certain, if we may judge from the Experience of other Countries, that *if we only employed half our Hands in making but half the Quantity of* RICE *we now do*, we should get *as much* for that *Half* as we *now do* for the *Whole*, and we should *then* have the *other Half* of our *Time* and *Labour* to employ upon NEW MANUFACTURES; which, whether we succeeded in them or not for a few Years, we should be sure to be no great Losers by the Experiment. I would therefore presume to recommend it to the Consideration of *all* our *Planters*, especially to the *more wealthy* among them, from whose Experience the *less wealthy* may gain a profitable Knowledge, to *set aside* but *one Third part*, or even but a *Quarter part* of their *Slaves* from making RICE, and to *employ* them in making *Experiments upon any of those numerous Articles* which bounteous *Nature* has made the *Climate* and *Soil* of *this Province* capable of producing, *more than sufficient to answer the Labour of the most industrious Hands*. Among these I will only mention a few.

WHEAT and OLIVES, HEMP and FLAX, INDIGO and SILK, all very *valuable* Commodities, and with which there is no *Fear of ever doing* the Markets in many *Years to come*, are found in small Quantities to grow as kindly *here* as they *do in any part of the World*, and if they do so in *small* Quantities, a *proportionable* Degree of *Labour* and *Industry*, would no doubt produce them in *larger* Quantities. *Nature* does indeed seem to point out the *two last Articles* to the *more particular* Notice and Cultivation of *this Province*, by her exceeding Swiftness in the Production of the *white Mulberry Trees*; and by her scattering the *wild Indigo Plant* thro' *all* the *Woods* and *Fields* in the Province. For as to the first of these, let the *Seed* of the MULBARRY be gathered in *May* or *June* when the Fruit is ripe, and be immediately washed and sown on any common Mould, be water'd and kept clean from Weeds, and in *Three Months* Time you will have *Millions of Plants* three Feet in highth, which the next Year will afford you a sufficient Quantity of Leaves to feed your Silk Worms with; and then without the further Trouble or Skill requisite for winding it off, you are sure of a *good* Market for the *Silk Balls* from the *Publick*, who by Law have obliged themselves to give you *Five Pounds* a Bushel for them. And as to the latter, you can hardly walk a Quarter of a Mile in the Woods or Fields without finding it springing under your Feet, and, as it were, courting the cultivating Hand. It is known to almost every one, that the *Indigo* is a perfect *Weed* in *our* Fields and Woods; it has been *tried* lately, and found in more Essays than one to come very near to the *French* INDIGO in Goodness, and there is no doubt, but it would be greatly improved was it transplanted and had a regular Cultivation bestowed upon it; but if this wild sort should not prove so good, we are sure from some late Experiments, that the *West India Plant* grows *here* as kindly and well, and produces *as good* INDIGO as it doth in the *French Islands*; with this Difference only, that you must not expect here, as you may there, more than one Crop a Year from it; but then the exceeding Profitableness of that one Crop, when compar'd with any other Crop you can possibly produce from the same Ground, the whole Business whereof is over in less than *Five* Months, will *sufficiently* answer the most sanguine Expectations of any *Planter*? There being Instances of this Year of more than *Ten Pounds Sterling an Acre* being made from Land planted with INDIGO. The particular Cultivation and Management of this valuable Plant, I hope you Mr. *Timothy*, will give to the *Publick* in your next *Gazette*, from Parkin's *Labat's* Works, translated by Mr *Miller* in his GARDENER'S DICTIONARY, whose *Rules* and Method have been proved *best* to be well *adapted* to this *Soil* and *Climate*.

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Let not then the industrious *Planter* be frightened from *making Trial of some of these valuable Commodities*, as his Situation or Inclination leads him; or fear the Consequences of entering with *so small* a Part of his Hands as I have propos'd, upon *new* Experiments and Undertakings. Let him remember, that the Cultivation of RICE, the now staple and principal Commodity of this Province, was in his Father's if not his own Days, a *new* Experiment and Undertaking in this Province. Our Fathers avoided the running out those rich and deep Swamps, so proper and necessary for the Cultivation of RICE; and terminated their Platts with the Bounds of the high Lands; giving up all beyond as dangerous, impassable and of no Use; and had not the Inhabitants who were living here, when the honest Skipper that came hither, from the Coast of *Barbary* I think it was, in the Close of the last Century, and by Chance brought with him a Bushel or two of RICE to feed his Poultry; had they not, I say, *ventured* upon the *new*, laborious and dangerous Experiment of entering into thick and deep Swamps, and there cultivating RICE, how many fine Estates would to this Day have remained ungotten; and how many valuable Tracts of Land would now have remain'd in the very Heart of our Settlements wast and uncultivated, and Harbours only for Bears and Tygers and other Beasts of Prey?

Every Experiment must have *once* been made first; *every Manufacture* was *once* a *new* Undertaking; and had they not been *once* ventured upon, what a sad Condition would the now civiliz'd Parts of the World, rendered so, chiefly by the Growth of Arts and Manufactures, be now in? Let us but turn our Eyes to the numerous Tribes of *Indians* surrounding us, and there view the Miseries and Wants of a People *uncivilized* by Arts, and barbarous for *want* of proper *Manufactures* to employ themselves in. And such were once, I imagine, all the *now* civiliz'd Parts of the World; but had these been *intimidated* from *venturing* upon *Manufactures* because they were *new* Undertakings, we should have seen them still in the wretched Condition of the *Caffres* and *Cuffees*, that once idly inhabited the Lands we now cultivate.

I beg Pardon, Mr. *Timothy*, for taking up so much of your Reader's Time, and of your Paper in mentioning these Things, but a *hearty Inclination* to *serve* a Country, in which I have agreeably spent a great Part of my Time, and which is yet capable of *many* Improvements, by which it may be rendered more valuable to itself, and more beneficial to it's Mother Country, has led me into this Train of Thinking; And if I have thrown out any Hints which may be of Service, and which I hope will be improv'd under some more able Pen, I have gain'd *my* Ends: For it is the *Profit* and *Advantage* of the *Planter*, in which is included that of the *Merchant* and *Trader* and every other Inhabitant, and not *my own private* Emolument, that has induced me to give them this Trouble.

I have spoken as unto wise Men, judge ye what I have said.

AGRICOLA.

CHARLES TOWN, October 1.

On Monday last the Flag of Truce commanded by Don *Julian De La Vega*, sail'd, to return to *St. Augustine*.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Lisbon, dated July 8th, 1744.

'Since *France*'s Declaration of War against us, we hear, that in less than a 'Months Time, up the *Streights*, we had 'taken about 80 Sail of *French* Ships, and 'among them a great many rich *Smyrna* 'and *Martinico* Ships, so that we reckon 'the trading People of that Nation will 'be ruin'd, for there appears neither any '*Spanish* or *French* Men of War to protect them. The *French* have taken several Frontier Towns in *Flanders*, garisoned by the *Dutch*, and these latter looking on, but all the Letters from '*Holland* say, they will be obliged to come into the War, and highly blame the 'States for not doing it immediately. 'The *Spaniards* fled from the *Austrians* in '*Italy* into the Kingdom of *Naples*, and 'the others follow'd them. The last 'News we have is, that both Armies are 'near one another in the Pope's Dominions, and they daily expected a Battle, 'for the *Neapolitans* had joined the *Spaniards*. ——'

Our other Advices from *Europe*, are, That Commodore *Anson* arrived at *Spithead* in *June* last, with near *Three Millions* Sterling: He had repaired his Ship the *Centurion* in *Canton* by the 20th of *April*, 1743, but the first Monsoon was over, and he found himself obliged to wait for the latter Monsoon before he could proceed to *Europe*; but as his Ship was fitted, he was resolved to take a Cruize off of the *Philippine Islands*; accordingly he sail'd for *Spiritu Santo*, where he cruized 31 Days, and then on the 20th of *June*, 1743, fell in with a Ship from *Acapulco*, to the *Manillas*, called the *Nostra Seignor del Cabo Donga*, Don *Hieronimo Montero Almiranta*, mounted 42 Carriage Guns and 28 Patteraroes, 17 of which and the Patteraroes were Brass, and had 550 Men; he fought her an Hour and a Half, and kill'd 58 of her Men and wounded 83 more; She then struck, and he found on board her 1,313,843 Pieces of Eight, 35,682 Ounces of Virgin Silver, and 2729 Ingots of Gold, weighing about 14 Ounces each, and 4 Diamonds suppos'd to be worth 100,000 *l.* Sterling each, besides Goods to an inestimable Value. On his Arrival in *England*, he was made an Admiral, as is also Capt *Medley*. Admiral *Mathews* was off *Toulon*, and has taken about 60 Sail of *French* Ships richly laden, mostly from the *Levant*; and since the *French* War was declared we have taken in *Europe* 169 Sail from them, besides many rich Ships taken in the *West Indies*, &c. Five Thousand *English*, and the six Thousand *Dutch* Troops in *England*, were going to *Flanders*; and 'twas positively said, that our King and Prince *William* would go there, his Majesty intending to take the Command of the Army; but 'twas thought he would not go until he was sure of the *Dutch* assisting him. 'Twas said, that the Prince *Lobkowitz* had attack'd the *Spaniards* and *Neapolitans* in their Trenches, and had drove them out of them with a prodigious Loss of Men, and all their Artillery, Baggage and Provisions, and was in full Pursuit of them; tho' Prince *Lobkowitz* lost in the Attack 12,000 Men.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Boston, dated Sept. 3d, 1744.

'One *Gardon*, a short strutting Fellow, 'who lately came from your Place, is in 'our Goal, for engraving the Plates for 'counterfeiting our Money. In my next 'I shall give you a farther Account of 'him. ——'

By a Vessel from *Antigua*, we hear, that Commodore *Knowles* has lately been on another Expedition, with as little Success as at *Laguira*; he made an Attempt upon *Guardalupe*, where all his Gains were the burning of two Sloops and cutting out another. He lost in this Affair two Lieutenants and about 28 Men.

LONDON, *July* 3.

YESTERDAY the Treasure taken by Admiral *Anson*, consisting of 298 Chests of Silver, 18 Chests of Gold, and 20 Barrels of Gold Dust, was carried through the City in Thirty two Waggons preceeded by a Kettle Drum, Trumpets, and French Horns, guarded by the Seamen, commanded by the Officers, and was lodg'd in the Tower; on the First Waggon was the *English* Colours, with a *Spanish* Ensign under it, and every Third or Fourth Waggon carried some Trophy of Honour, which had been taken from the *Spaniards* in the *South Sea*, as well as from the *Acapulco* Ship.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Wales* and Admiral *Anson*, were at the House in *Pallmall*, to see the Procession. The *Dutch* Sailors that enter'd on board the *Centurion* at the Cape, are to have 50 Dollars a Man, being 60 in Number, besides the *British* Pay that is allow'd.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, CHARLES-TOWN,

Entered Inwards.

Schooner St. Joseph, Jonathan Wickham from Providence.

Schooner Success, James Doughty, from New-York.

Entred Outwards.

Schooner Nassau, Samuel Green, for Providence.

Sloop Mary and Susannah, Gilbert Hinson, for Bermuda.

Cleared for Departure.

Schooner Dorchester, Charles Jacob Pichard, to Providence.

Sloop Carolina, Cornelius Romar, to New York.

Exported from this Place from Nov. 1, 1743.

Rice, 79,776 Barrels.
Pitch, 7601 Barrels.
Tarr, 17468 Barrels.
Turpentine, 1125 Barrels.
Deer-Skins, 347 Hogsheads.
Indian Corn, 18744 Bushels.
——— Pease, 2224 Bushels.
Pork, 876 Barrels.
Beef, 427 Barrels.

The PRICES *of the following Goods, of the Produce of this Province.*

Rice *per Cent.* 30 *s.* 0.
Pitch *per Barrel*, 42 *s.* 6
Tar, 35 *s.* 0 *d.*
Turpentine, 15 *s.* 0.
Turpentine Oyl, 15 *s.* 0

Rosin

Rosin, 15 s. 0
Rice per lb. 16 lb. 6
Corn per Bushel, 10 lb.
Peale, 10 s. 0 d.
Staves, 14 l. per 1000

Of the Produce of Foreign Parts.

Bisque Flour per Cl. 4 l. 10
Philadelphia Flour, 4 l. 0.
Brown Bread, 4 l. 0 s.

Ship ——, 4 l. 0 s.
Middling ——, 3 l. 0 s.
White, —, per Quarter Cask, 50 lb.
Milk ——, per Quarter Cask 60 lb.
N-England Rum, per Hhd. 15 s a Gallon.
Barbados Rum per Hhd. 17 s 6
Montserrat —, 17 s. 6
Antigua —, 17 s 6
Melasses, 15 lb. 0

Muscovado Sugar, per C. 14 to 16 l.
Single refin'd —, 10 s 0 d per lb.
Double refin'd —, 12 s 6 d.
Madeira Wine, per Pipe, 120 l.
Fine Salt per Bushel 15 s. 0 d.
Coarse Salt, 15 lb 6
New York Beer, None.
Philadelphia —, None.
Soap in Boxes, 3 s. 6 d per lb.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS any wise indebted to *Crokatt* and *Michie*, by Bond, Note or Accompt now due, That as that Partnership has been expired for some Months past, there is an absolute Necessity to get in their outstanding Debts, in order to discharge what Engagements they are under for their of other People's Defficiencies in Payment to them. And as they have given frequent Notice in former Papers, whoever did not pay off their Accompts, &c. would be sued without further Notice, yet the greater Part have paid no Regard to it: And that none may plead Ignorance of this their last Resolution, whoever does not pay betwixt this and the *First* Day of *December* next, will be sued without Distinction, nor are they to expect any farther Notice thereof by Letter or otherwise from

CROKATT and *MICHIE.*

South-Carolina. WHEREAS *John William Hyrsbe*, of *Charles Town*, stay maker, has exhibited his Petition to the Chief Justice and Two of the Justices of the Court of *Common Pleas*, setting forth, that he is in the Custody of the Provost Marshal of this Province, upon mesne Process, at the Suit of *John Nicholson & Richard Skubrick* of *Charlestown*, Merchts. for a Debt to them justly due, and that he is ready and willing to make Surrender upon Oath, to 1 or more of his Creditors in Trust for the rest, all and singular his Estate both real and personal, a List or Schedule of his Estate being annexed to his said Petition, and prays to be admitted to the Benefit of the Act of the General Assembly in such Case lately made and provided. *It is therefore ordered*, and the said *John Nicholson* and *Richard Skubrick*, and all others to whom the said *John William Hyrsbe* is in any wise indebted, are hereby summoned, and have Notice to appear at the usual Place of Judicature, in *Charles Town*, on the 9th Day of *November* next, before the Justices aforesaid, to shew Cause, if any they can, why the said *John William Hyrsbe*, should not be entitled to the Benefit of the said Act, upon his complying with the Terms therein prescribed. *October* 5th, 1744.

J. Wedderburn, Cl.C.P.

TO BE SOLD, a Piece of Land in *Friend Street*, containing 45 Feet in Front, and 140 Feet in Depth, under good Fence, it lies between the Land that was formerly Mrs. *McKewn's*, but now Mr. *Thomas Elliot's*, and that which was formerly Mr. *Fairchild's*, but now Colonel *Prioleau's*. Whoever inclines to purchase may treat with *John Guerard.*

To be sold by Hill & Guerard, 4, 10, and 20 *d.* Nails in Casks, broad Hoes, Quart Bottles, and Sash Glass 8 by 10, Negro Cloth, and sundry other dry Goods, as also white and red Port Wine in Bottles, and *Barbados* and *Antigua* Rum.

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THIS is to give Notice, to all Persons inclinable to put their Children to board, under the Care of the Subscriber, that she has now Vacancies; where there is taught, as usual, Writing, and all sorts of fine Needle work. Masters likewise attend to teach Writing, Arithmetick, Dancing, and Musick, if required, *MARY HEXT.*

On the 17th ult. was stopt by the Subscriber, a Silver Spoon. Whoever gives a proper Discription thereof, and pays the Advertisement, may have it again on applying to *Lewis Timothy.*

Brought to the Work-house, on the 24th Day of *Sept.* 1744. A Negro Man belonging to Mr. *Smiley* at *Ashepoo.*

South-Carolina. WHEREAS Samuel Hurst, *Provost Marshal of the said Province, in pursuance of all & all of Attachment to him directed, did seize and attach, in the Hands of* David Deas *of* Charles Town *Merchant, Monies and a parcel of mahogony Plank, the Property of* Peter Henry Bruce *of the Island of* New Providence, *in order to make the said* Peter Henry Bruce *a Party in his Majesty's Court of* Common Pleas *in* Charlestown, *before the Justices thereof, on the first Tuesday in* July *last, to answer to the Demand of* George Philp *and* Alexander Livie, *of* Charles-Town *aforesaid, Merchants. And whereas the said* George Philp *and* Alexander Livie *have this third Day of* September, 1744, *filed their Declaration against the said* Peter Henry Bruce, *in the Office of the Clerk of the said Court of* Common Pleas *in* Charlestown, *a Copy whereof is posted upon the Prison House in* Charlestown, *with a special Order of Court underwritten thereon, 'Ordering, That the 'Defendant do plead to the Action within a 'Year and a Day, or Judgment by Default.'*

These *are therefore further to give Notice, That in case the said* Peter Henry Bruce *do not appear and make his Defence in the said Action, on or before the 4th Day of* September, *which will be in the Year of our Lord* 1745, *final and absolute Judgment will then be given and awarded against him, according to the Form and Effect of an Act of the General Assembly of this Province in that Case lately made and provided.*

To be sold by the Subscriber, good HAY, at 7 l. per Thousand, Take it at the Hay House near Mr. *Lamboll's* Bridge, or 7 l. 10 s if carted.

John Stanyarne.

Just Published,

The Act *for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.* Also that *to encourage the destroying Beasts of Prey*, and to be sold by the Printer hereof.